



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 23, 2002

H.R. 3630

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the state of Florida and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

H.R. 3630 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Miami Circle, a recently discovered archeological site in Miami, Florida. The study would determine the national significance of the site as well as the feasibility and suitability of including it within Biscayne National Park. The bill would authorize the appropriation of whatever sums are necessary to conduct the study, and it would require the Secretary to report findings and recommendations within three years of receiving funds.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3630 would cost the federal government \$150,000 over the next few years to complete the required study and report. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3630 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 21, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1894, a similar bill that was ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 5, 2002. The House and Senate versions of the legislation differ only in their timing—H.R. 3630 would require the Secretary of the Interior to complete the special resource study within three years, rather than one year as required by S. 1894. The estimated costs of the two pieces of legislation are the same, but some of the costs might occur later under the House bill.

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